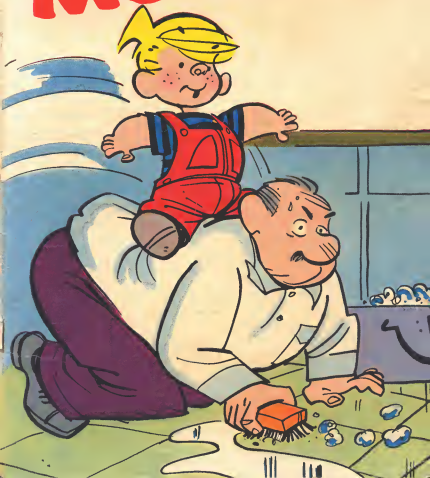


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# Dennis the Menace

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# the Cookie Jar

## LETTERS FROM DENNIS FANS

### MINISTER

"Usually only a minister who is in the midst of it really knows the kind of things kids say as they go out the church door. But *you* know! The cartoon (right) is quite realistic—the shock of the parents is just as accurate as the naivete of the child!"

### GRANDMA

"I know you must get many letters in regards to Dennis, but I do so want you to know that I just love that 'little guy in the paper.'

"I have raised 3 daughters and 6 sons, have 30 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, and that is the first thing I look at.

"I could tell you many funny things mine have done, in fact I could write a book. So with many memories of my wonderful 'kids' and their pranks, I also cherish Dennis'. Thanks so much for them."

### WASTE OF TIME?

"I enjoy reading about Dennis the Menace. I've got almost every one of his books. Once my older brother said I should not waste my time on them and read something good. But I told him to read just one book, and by the time he finished he almost stole my books, he liked them so much."

### EXPLODES!

"I explode in laughter at the antics of little Dennis. I especially like the cartoons with Mr. Wilson. The expressions on his face are priceless!"



"I HADDA QUARTER AN' I HADDA NICKEL, AN' I MADE A MISTAKE AN' DROPPED IN THE QUARTER. SO WHAT I WANT NOW IS CHANGE!"

### CHRISTMAS

This past Christmas we received a card from a U.S. Marine in Viet Nam reading:

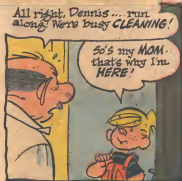
"Merry Christmas, Dennis, to you, your staff, family, and all your warm friends."

What was really unusual was the fact that the "card" was cut from a cardboard carton labeled:

MEAL, COMBAT, INDIVIDUAL  
TURKEY LOAF

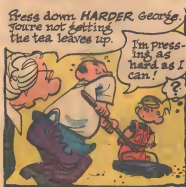
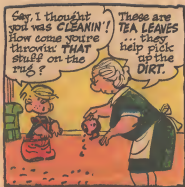
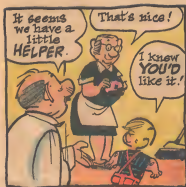
This gallant Marine was, in a way, sharing his Christmas dinner with us!

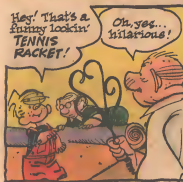
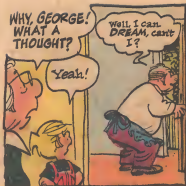
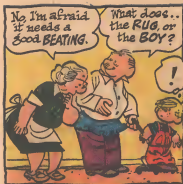
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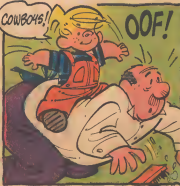
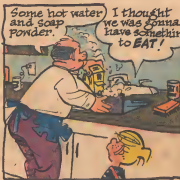
"DENNIS THE MENACE". CREATED BY HANK KETCHAM. APPEARS IN  
OVER 700 NEWSPAPERS . . . IN 43 COUNTRIES . . . IN 14 LANGUAGES!

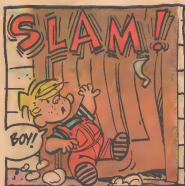






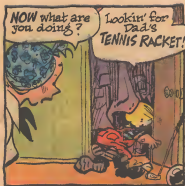












# THE Wordy Bird



Let's look that up, Dennis!



Of course! **EVERY** word we use is in this book.

Even a word like **GEE**?  
Gee!

Yes... here it is. "Gee... used to express surprise or enthusiasm."

Well, I knew **THAT** ... I guess!

It's also used as "Gee-up... a command to a horse to go faster".

Yeah!  
That's what Cowboy Bob tells his horse.

Here's another meaning: "Gee" ... a radio navigational system by which a fix can be obtained by comparing the pulse repetition rates of...

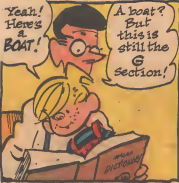
**CUT IT OUT, DAD!**

What's the matter?

That's too many **WORDS** for **ME**!

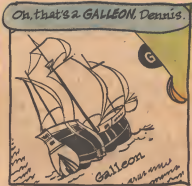
Oh, but this dictionary has lots of pictures, too!

Now you're talkin' **MY** kinda book!

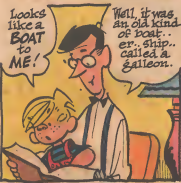


Yeah! Here's a **BOAT!**

A boat? But this is still the **G** section!

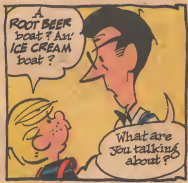


Oh, that's a **GALLEON**, Dennis.



Looks like a **BOAT** to ME!

Well, it was an old kind of boat... er.. ship.. called a **galleon**.



A **ROOT BEER** boat? An **ICE CREAM** boat?

What are you talking about?



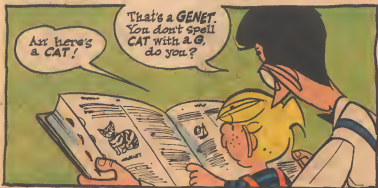
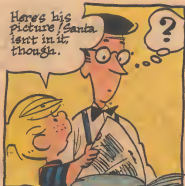
You said it was a **GALLON** boat! All the gallons I know are root beer and ice cream!

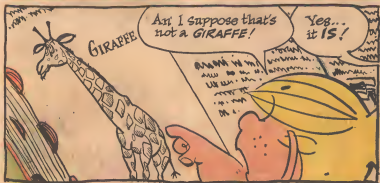
No, no.. **GAL-LE-ON!**



Okay... you say it your way and I'll say it **MINE**.

Hmmm!











I think it's **MARVELOUS** that you can look up the words in the dictionary!

Well...uh... the **PICTURES** helped.



Pictures!

Yes...this is an **ILLUSTRATED** dictionary.



The very idea! And I thought you could actually **USE** the dictionary!

I **CAN** use it! C'mon... gimme a hand!



What are we **DOING**?

I'm gonna show you how I can use this dictionary!



Put 'er right there!

But...?

Now what?



There!

Oh, you!



END.

# The CAMEL-RACE PUZZLE



- AN OLD ARAB HAD TWO SONS, AHAB AND BORDA. AHAB HAD A CAMEL NAMED AERIEL. BORDA HAD A CAMEL NAMED BEULAH. THE TWO BOYS LOVED TO RACE THEIR CAMELS.
- ONE DAY, THEIR FATHER THOUGHT OF A DIFFERENT KIND OF A RACE. HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE TEN GOLD PIECES TO EITHER BOY WHOSE CAMEL REACHED THE CITY OF MECCA, ACROSS THE DESERT-LAST.
- AHAB GOT ON AERIEL, AND BORDA GOT ON BEULAH, AND OFF THEY STARTED. AHAB SOON RACED AHEAD, THEN HE SLOWED DOWN. HE REMEMBERED THAT THE PRIZE WENT TO THE BOY WHOSE CAMEL GOT TO MECCA LAST.
- BORDA RACED BY HIM ON HIS CAMEL, THEN HE, TOO, SLOWED DOWN. HE HAD HAD THE SAME THOUGHT. HE DIDN'T WANT HIS

CAMEL TO GET TO MECCA FIRST, AND LOSE THE PRIZE:

- PRETTY SOON THE BOYS WERE JUST WALKING THEIR CAMELS SLOWER AND SLOWER, SIDE BY SIDE. AT THIS RATE, NEITHER ONE OF THEM WOULD EVER GET TO MECCA.
- FINALLY THEY STOPPED AT AN OASIS AND GOT OFF THEIR CAMELS. WHAT TO DO?
- A WISE OLD HINDU CAME ALONG ON HIS DONKEY, AND ASKED THE BOYS WHAT THEIR TROUBLE WAS; AND THEY TOLD HIM.
- THE HINDU THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, THEN TOLD THEM HOW TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEM.
- ALMOST BEFORE HE FINISHED SPEAKING, THE TWO BOYS AND THE TWO CAMELS WERE RACING OFF TOWARD MECCA, RUNNING AS FAST AS THEY COULD.
- WHAT DID THE HINDU TELL THEM?



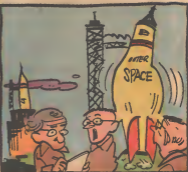
- HE TOLD THEM: "SWAP CAMELS!"
- REMEMBER, THE PRIZE WOULD GO TO THE BOY WHOSE CAMEL GOT TO MECCA LAST. SO, AHAB, ON HIS BROTHER'S CAMEL, BEULAH, RACED AS FAST AS HE COULD,

HOPING THAT HIS OWN CAMEL, RIDDEN BY HIS BROTHER, WOULD COME IN LAST. AND BORDA, ON HIS BROTHER'S CAMEL, AERIEL, HOPED THAT HE WOULD GET TO MECCA FIRST SO THAT HIS OWN CAMEL, BEULAH, WOULD BE LAST!

# it figures ... OR DOES IT??

Q. SOME SCIENTISTS WERE FILLING A ROCKET WITH A NEW GAS, WHEN THEY NOTICED THAT THIS GAS HAD A STRANGE PROPERTY. EACH DAY, IT DOUBLED IN VOLUME INSIDE THE ROCKET. IF IT TOOK 20 DAYS FOR THE GAS TO FILL THE ROCKET, AFTER HOW MANY DAYS WAS IT JUST HALF FILLED?

A. NINETEEN DAYS. ON THE TWENTIETH DAY, THE GAS DOUBLED IN VOLUME AND FILLED THE ROCKET.



Q. A BOY HAS A BOARD 12 FEET LONG. HE DECIDES TO SAW IT INTO 12 ONE-FOOT PIECES. IF IT TAKES HIM ONE MINUTE TO MAKE EACH CUT, HOW MANY MINUTES DOES IT TAKE HIM TO CUT THE TWELVE PIECES?

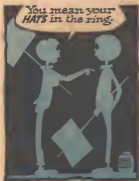
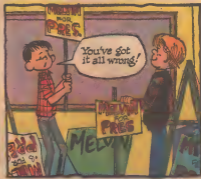
A. ELEVEN MINUTES. HIS ELEVENTH CUT WAS ONE FOOT FROM THE END, GIVING HIM HIS TWELFTH ONE-FOOT PIECE.



Q. A MAN BUILT A SQUARE HOUSE WITH A WINDOW IN EACH OF THE FOUR WALLS. NO MATTER WHICH WINDOW HE LOOKED OUT, HE ALWAYS LOOKED SOUTH! NOW---WHO WAS THE MAN?

A. HE WAS EITHER SANTA CLAUS, OR AN ESKIMO, AT THE NORTH POLE. THE NORTH POLE IS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE YOU CAN LOOK IN ANY DIRECTION AND ALWAYS BE LOOKING SOUTH.

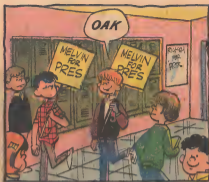




What's your platform going to be?



OAK



The boys in the carpentry class are building it for me.



Excuse me, I'm due to make a speech.



If I'm elected, I promise shorter school hours, less homework and higher grades.

YEAH MELVIN!

WE WANT MELVIN!

WOW!

CRAZY!





And so Melvin's campaign for student-body president was launched.



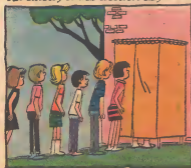
There was mud slinging.



And smears.

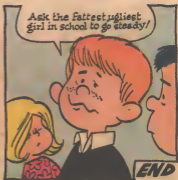
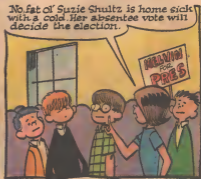
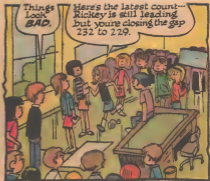


But finally it was election day.

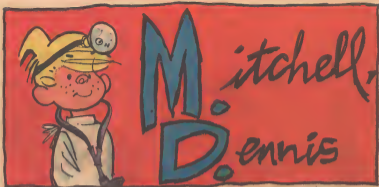


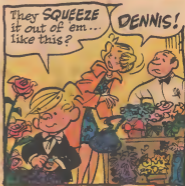
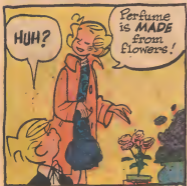
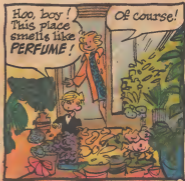
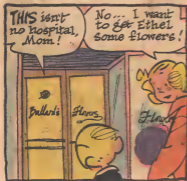
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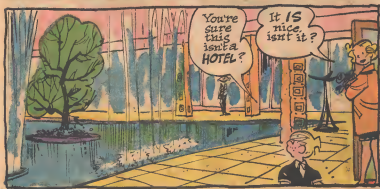
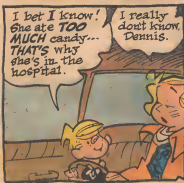


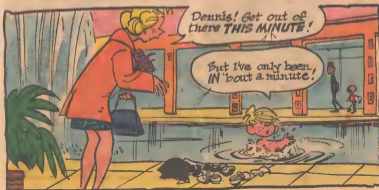
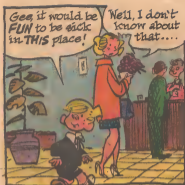


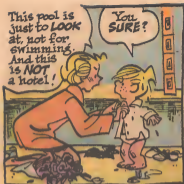












This pool is just to LOOK at, not for swimming. And this is NOT a hotel!

You SURE?



Yes, I'm sure!

Yeah... you're right, I guess!



I'LL HELP YA, MISTER!

GASP!

DENNIS!



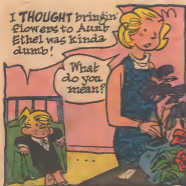
I was just HELPIN' the ~~boy~~ Mom!

ALL RIGHT!



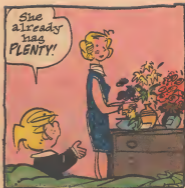
Hello, Ethel. How are you?

Oh, pretty well. But YOU look terrible!



I THOUGHT bringin' flowers to Aunt Ethel was kinda dumb!

What do you mean?



She already has PLENTY!



This sure is a nice hospital, Aunt Ethel,

Oh, yes. And look at the nice PATIO I have.



Yeah! Pretty good!

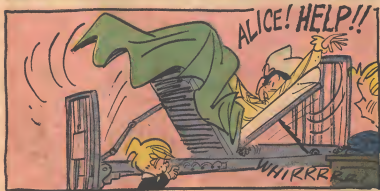
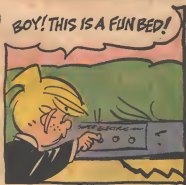
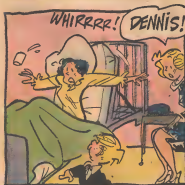


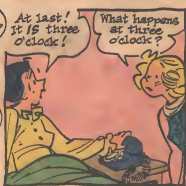
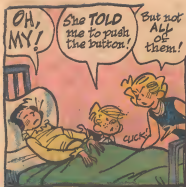
ALICE! ALICE!

What IS it, Ethel? Shall I call the doctor?

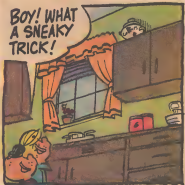
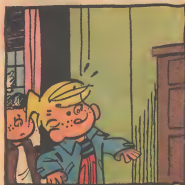
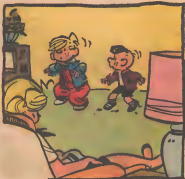
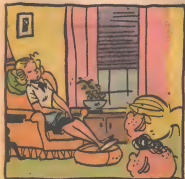
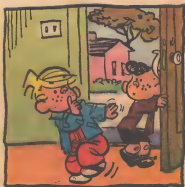


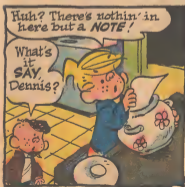
NO! CALL DENNIS!











# the Cookie Jar

## MORE LETTERS FROM DENNIS PALS

### FROM INDIA

"Remember your pal from India? I suppose you don't naturally, because you have so many friends the world over. Well, I'm congratulating you again for your brilliant pranks which give me everlasting pleasure, and a wish (hope it comes true) to shake your hand—incidentally, even if you are making mud pies!

"So, how are you feeling—fine? Perhaps I should ask how Mr. Wilson is feeling as a result of your being fine! Neighborhood quiet? I doubt it.

"On behalf of all Dennis fans I wish your magazine the zillions of tons of success that it richly deserves.

"P.S. Congratulations to your staff artists and story writers."

### FROM YUGOSLAVIA

"I am one of the greatest admirers of your little Dennis the Menace. I should say I am actually in love with him. Therefore my greatest wish is to read as many comics about him as possible. Unfortunately, I haven't a lot of possibility for this. There is something about him in Yugoalav papers, but too little, and just once a week.

"I managed to get some American books about him, and they represent to me a real treasure. Anyway, I'd like to get the Dennis books regularly, and I beg you to inform me, as soon as possible, about the way of subscription for it.

"I am a student of English, and I don't consider myself childish. I am Dennis' great fan, only that I don't approach him as a hero of comics, but from the psychological side. In my opinion, after the famous Twain's Tom Sawyer, this is the most successful child's personality. I even wrote an essay on that theme."

### POLLY

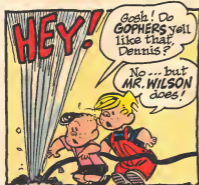
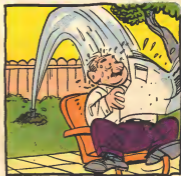
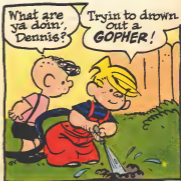
"I think your cartoon (left) is wonderful—so cute and unusual and funny. Even if the man didn't have any elephants.

"I have a beautiful parrot and three parakeets. I will enclose a beautiful feather from Polly's tail for you.

"P.S. I like elephants, too!"



"NO ELEPHANTS? AM I CALLING A PET SHOP?"





Scrapped  
by  
Jojo

